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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: CONGRESSIONALLY MANDATED REPORT ON
INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE -- KUWAIT RESPONSE

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Classified By: Ambassador Richard H Jones for reasons 1.5 (B) and (D)

1.(C) Embassy shared data on Kuwait contributions to Afghan assistance with officials of the Kuwait Fund. Kuwait Fund officials confirmed that the GOK has pledged \$30 million to Afghani assistance, which represents the Tokyo pledge. They were puzzled by the reference to a \$15 million "additional pledge." They also noted that \$15 million of the \$30 million pledge has been allocated for development projects, but pointed out that no/no disbursements have yet been made.

2.(C) Embassy suspects that the origin of the \$15 million "additional pledge" in the Washington matrix may be a comment made by Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmed Jarallah during the November 2002 visit of Ambassadors Taylor and Johnson (reftel B). Jarallah suggested that Kuwait would give to Afghan assistance in the future, but did not/not specify an amount or time frame. The \$15 million "additional pledge" may also represent a misunderstanding of Kuwait's intention to use half of its \$30 million Tokyo pledge (i.e., \$15 million) to support the ARTF and Kuwait's agreement to consider committing the remaining \$15 million to support the Kandahar-Spin Boldak road project (which the GOK tells us is still under consideration). However, as the Kuwait Fund response makes clear, there is no "additional pledge", only the \$30 million Tokyo pledge.
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